



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

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Faith-Based Security Advisory Council

AGENCY: The Office of Partnership and Engagement (OPE),
The Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: Notice of new taskings for the Faith-Based
Security Advisory Council (FBSAC).

SUMMARY: On January 5, 2024, the Secretary of DHS,
Alejandro N. Mayorkas, issued a memorandum tasking the
Faith-Based Security Advisory Council (FBSAC) to establish
two subcommittees further outlined below. This notice is
not a solicitation for membership.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FBSAC provides
organizationally independent, strategic, timely, specific,
and actionable advice to the Secretary through the OPE
Assistant Secretary, who serves as the DHS Faith-Based
Organizations Security Coordinator on security and
preparedness matters related to places of worship, faith
communities, and faith-based organizations. The Council
consists of members who are: faith-based organization
security officials; faith-based organization leaders; faith

leaders; state and local public safety, law enforcement, and emergency management leaders; and a representative from the Department of Justice or Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The Secretary has requested that the FBSAC form new subcommittees to study and provide recommendations in the following critical areas for the Department:

1. Countering Transnational Repression (TNR), providing recommendations on how DHS can partner with faith-based organizations to develop a strategy to protect faith-based community stakeholders from incidents of TNR; provide process recommendations that faith-based leaders and security professionals can implement to inform faith-based communities about ongoing TNR threats and resources; an effective way to encourage faith-based communities to report TNR threats; and assessments for faith-based leaders and security professional on how well safety and security resources are working in terms of community utilization and effective mitigation of TNR incidents.
2. Countering and responding to Targeted Violence and Terrorism, providing recommendations on how DHS can partner with faith-based organizations to survey existing multi-faith initiatives nationwide to establish a "best practices toolkit" on how faith-based organizations and institutions can build

resiliency against threats of targeted violence and terrorism; examples of faith-based entities that have prevented targeted violence and terrorism utilizing safety and security resources; best practices from those examples that other faith communities can adopt; examples of how faith communities utilized federal government resources in the immediate aftermath and long-term; and avenues for DHS to assist with community building to increase resilience across faith groups in the event of an act of targeted violence.

Schedule: The subcommittees findings and recommendations will be submitted to the FBSAC for its deliberation and vote during a public meeting within 150 days of January 5, 2024.

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